



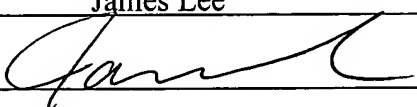
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**REMARKS**

The Office Action indicated that the subject matter of dependent Claims 2, 3, 6 and 7 would be allowable if it were rewritten in independent form. Accordingly, new Claim 8 incorporates the indicated allowed subject matter of Claim 6, while dependent Claim 9 incorporates the indicated allowed subject matter of Claim 7. Newly drafted Claim 10 incorporates the indicated allowed subject matter of Claim 2, while newly drafted Claim 11 incorporates the indicated allowed subject matter of Claim 3.

It is believed that the case is now in condition for an allowance, and early notification of the same is requested. If the Examiner believes that a telephone interview will help further the prosecution of this case, he is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the listed telephone number.

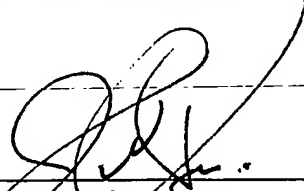
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